

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

The grommet 2 is formed as a substantially cylinder shape as a whole. On the outer peripheral surface of the grommet 2, a plurality of convexed streaks 21 are formed uniformly in the circumferential direction of the grommet 2, convexed streaks 21 which extend parallelly to each other in the axial direction of the grommet 2. The convexed streaks 21 are formed as a substantially triangular cross-sectional shape whose thickness reduces from large to small in the direction away from the bottom to the top. Moreover, on the outer peripheral surface of the grommet 2, an annular groove [[21]] 22 is formed at the middle in the axial direction of the grommet 2, annular groove [[21]] 22 which goes around the outer periphery of the grommet 2 and engages with the flange 12 of the socket 10. As illustrated in FIG. 2, the fitting hole 20 is formed as a constricted cross-sectional shape whose diameter is the largest at the opposite ends and the smallest at the middle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 25 with the following replacement paragraph:

The cover body 1 is installed to the engine block in the following manner. As illustrated in FIG. 2, the grommet 2 is first fitted into the socket 10 of the cover body 1. In this instance, the grommet 2 is fitted into the socket 2 while being compressed diametrically, because the outside diameter of the grommet 2 is formed larger than the inside diameter of the peripheral wall 11 of the socket 10 by 2 mm. Note that the outside diameter of the grommet 2 includes that of the convexed streaks 21. When the flange 12 of the socket 10 engages with the annular groove [[12]] 22 of the grommet 2, the grommet 2 is inhibited from moving in the axial directions. Moreover, the grommet 2 is held by fitting in the socket 2 in

such a manner that the convexed streaks 21 contact with the pair of the inner peripheral surfaces of the peripheral wall 11 which faces to each other. In addition, as illustrated in FIG. 2, a clearance 13 is present between the grommet 2 and the socket 10 when the grommet 2 is fitted into the socket 2, because the outside diameter of the bottom surface of the annular groove 22 is formed larger smaller than the inside diameter of the flange 12 by about 2 mm. Therefore, when the grommet 2 is fitted into the socket 10, the clearance 13 makes it easy to insert the grommet 2 into the socket 10. Thus, the fitting operability is enhanced.